MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : ഈ ചോദ്യോത്തരങ്ങൾ ലാൻറ്റവന്യൂ കമ്മീഷണർക്കയച്ചുകൊടുക്കാം.

Bridge over the Minachil River.

8. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the representatives of the people have brought to their notice that the bridge over the Minachil river at Pala, the construction of which was begun, is not suited to that place and that a better bridge which would suit the place should be sanctioned ;

(*b*) whether the Government experts have not recorded their opinion in support of this and whether the construction of the bridge was not stopped and its pillars removed ;

(*c*) whether they were convinced that the bridge was unsafe and that the money expended would consequently be out of place ;

(*d*) the reason for again sanctioning the construction of that bridge at that place ;

(*e*) whether they are aware that the portion of the bridge which was constructed has been considerably damaged by the recent floods and that it is so dilapidated that the completion of the bridge is not possible ;

(*f*) whether there is any one who is responsible for the loss on account of this unsuitable bridge ; and

(*g*) what their further action will be in regard to this bridge ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; Mr. Bastow when he was Chief Engineer recommended that a submersible bridge would suit the locality after carefully considering the local conditions. But when the actual construction of the bridge was taken up, the public began to agitate for a high level bridge or alternatively to shift the site of the bridge to a place lower down the stream. The work was therefore suspended for some time and, after enquiring into the matter, Government decided in favour of a submersible bridge being constructed at the place.

(*c*) & (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) & (*g*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*e*) of question No. 2.

The Shertallai Canal.

9. MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Shertallai canal already opened ;

(*b*) the cost of its annual maintenance ; and

(*c*) the amount realised every year for the removal of sand from the canal by the public during the years 1101, 1102 and 1103 ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2 miles and 4290 feet.

(*b*) Rs. 600 per mile.

(*c*) No amount was realised till 20-11-1102. From 20-11-1102 for one year the amount realised was Rs. 122-4 chs. From 20-11-1103 to 20-11-1104 *i. e.*, for one year, the amount realised was Rs. 338-12 chs. 3 c.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Is any work being done now in regard to this canal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of the question.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Has any amount been spent this year for maintenance?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Was any amount spent last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a new question. I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Do the Government intend to extend this canal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government paid compensation for the land required for the proposed canal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This does not strictly arise as a supplementary question. I have therefore to claim notice.

Traffic control in Alleppey.

10. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that the present strength of the police in Alleppey is not even sufficient for controlling the traffic in a satisfactory way; and

(*b*) that the present staff of constables is hardly sufficient to enable one constable at least being posted in each of the important centres of the town?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). The answer is in the negative. The question of providing a sufficient number of constables for the Alleppey town will be considered along with the proposals for the reallocation of the Police Force.

Kunnikod-Anchal Road.

11. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work on the Kunnikod-Anchal road is progressing?

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